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1. Introduction:

India, a vibrant mosaic of cultures, religions, and traditions, embarked on its journey as a sovereign nation with a commitment to the lofty ideal of secularism. Enshrined in the Constitution as a guiding principle, the idea of Indian secularism has been a subject of ongoing discourse and debate, reflecting the nation's unique socio-religious diversity. This doctoral research undertakes a critical examination of the concept of Indian secularism and its contemporary crises, seeking to unravel the intricacies surrounding its implementation and relevance in a society marked by pluralism.

The trajectory of Indian secularism is intertwined with the historical narrative of the nation, evolving from the fervour of the independence movement to find its constitutional expression. However, the journey has not been without challenges. As India grapples with complex socio-political dynamics. From the corridors of power to the grassroots of society, this study seeks to illuminate the forces shaping the challenges faced by secular governance in India.

The significance of this research lies in its potential to provide a nuanced understanding of Indian secularism by scrutinizing historical antecedents, constitutional frameworks, and contemporary crises. As the nation navigates a delicate balance between its rich religious tapestry and the pursuit of a secular ethos, the critical examination presented in this study aims to contribute valuable insights to both academic scholarship and the broader discourse on governance, identity, and coexistence in the Indian context. In exploring the complexities of the idea of Indian secularism, this research aspires to shed light on the path forward for a nation at the crossroads of tradition and modernity, diversity and unity.

2. Research objective:

1. Historical Analysis: Explore the historical evolution of secularism in India, tracing its constitutional foundations, socio-political context, and interpretations through different phases of Indian history.

2. Identify Contemporary Challenges: Investigate and identify contemporary challenges to secularism in India, considering socio-political, legal, and cultural dimensions, including communalism, identity politics, and legislative interventions.

3. Evaluate Legal Framework: Assess the efficacy of the legal framework and judicial interpretations in upholding the secular principles enshrined in the Indian Constitution, examining landmark cases and their impact on secularism.

4. Examine Societal Perceptions: Analyze societal perceptions and attitudes towards secularism, exploring diverse perspectives among various religious and cultural groups, as well as within the political landscape.

5. Critically Assess Policy Impact: Evaluate the impact of government policies and interventions on secular ideals, investigating their effectiveness or potential contribution to the crisis of Indian secularism.

6. Explore International Comparisons: Compare India's secular model with other countries, examining successful practices or failures, drawing lessons to inform strategies for upholding secularism amidst diversity.

7. Recommend Strengthening Measures: Develop recommendations aimed at strengthening secularism in India, suggesting policy reforms, educational initiatives, or social interventions to mitigate the crisis and promote inclusive governance.

By addressing these objectives, your research can provide a comprehensive and critical analysis of Indian secularism, its historical trajectory, contemporary challenges, and potential pathways to fortify secular principles in the Indian socio-political landscape.

3. Research Question/Problem:

How has the historical evolution of the idea of secularism in India contributed to the current crisis in its implementation?

What are the key constitutional provisions related to secularism in India, and how have judicial interpretations shaped the understanding and application of these principles?

To what extent do socio-political factors, such as communalism, caste-based politics, and identity-based conflicts, impact the effective implementation of secular ideals in Indian society?

What specific instances or events can be identified as critical points that have led to challenges and crises in the idea of Indian secularism?

How have state institutions, political actors, and civil society responded to the challenges faced by Indian secularism, and what role do they play in either exacerbating or mitigating the crisis?

4. Hypothesis:

The crisis in the idea of Indian secularism is intricately linked to the historical evolution of the concept, where diverse historical narratives and experiences have shaped conflicting views on religious identity, tolerance, and coexistence.

Judicial interpretations of constitutional provisions related to secularism have played a pivotal role in either reinforcing or undermining the secular fabric of the Indian state, contributing significantly to the current crisis.

Socio-political factors, including communalism, caste-based politics, and identity-based conflicts, act as significant obstacles to the effective implementation of secular principles, thereby intensifying the crisis in the idea of Indian secularism.

Critical points in the form of communal violence, legal controversies, and political developments have emerged as flashpoints that have heightened the crisis in the idea of Indian secularism, revealing deep-seated tensions within the diverse social fabric.

State institutions, political actors, and civil society responses vary in their impact on the crisis of Indian secularism. While some entities contribute to the resolution of challenges, others may unintentionally exacerbate the crisis through divisive rhetoric or policies.

5. Literature Review:

1. "The Promise of India's Secular Democracy" by Rajeev Bhargava (2010):

- Overview: Bhargava traces the historical evolution of secularism in India, exploring its conceptual foundations and the promises made during the independence movement.

- Contribution: Provides insights into the philosophical underpinnings of Indian secularism and its historical context.

2. "The Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation" by Granville Austin (1999):

- Overview: Austin's classic provides a detailed analysis of the Indian Constitution, offering insights into the constitutional framework of Indian secularism.

- Contribution: Essential for understanding the legal foundations and principles guiding secular governance in India.

3. "The Crisis of the Indian Legal System" by Upendra Baxi (1982):

- Overview: Baxi critically examines the legal aspects of the Indian secular framework, discussing challenges faced by the legal system in upholding secular principles.

- Contribution: Offers a legal perspective on the crisis in the idea of Indian secularism.

4. "Before Memory Fades" by Fali S. Nariman (2007):

- Overview: Nariman's memoir reflects on his experiences as a legal practitioner, providing insights into the challenges faced by the Indian legal system, including issues related to secularism.

- Contribution: Offers a practitioner's viewpoint on legal challenges related to secularism.

5. "Ethnic Conflict and Civic Life" by Ashutosh Varshney (2002):

- Overview: Varshney explores the role of communalism and ethnicity in Indian politics, providing a sociopolitical context for understanding challenges to secular governance.

- Contribution: Offers insights into the socio-political dynamics affecting secularism in India.

6. "The Clash Within: Democracy, Religious Violence, and India's Future" by Martha Nussbaum (2007):

- Overview: Nussbaum examines religious violence and its impact on democracy in India, providing critical insights into the complex interplay between religion, identity, and challenges to secularism.

- Contribution: Explores the philosophical and ethical dimensions of challenges to Indian secularism.

7. "India's Silent Revolution: The Rise of the Lower Castes in North India" by Christophe Jaffrelot (2003):

- Overview: Jaffrelot's comparative analysis of the rise of lower castes contributes to understanding contemporary challenges to Indian secularism, particularly in the context of caste-based politics.

- Contribution: Examines the intersectionality of caste dynamics with issues of secular governance.

8. "The Hindu Nationalist Movement in India" by Christophe Jaffrelot (1998):

- Overview: Jaffrelot's work explores the ideological underpinnings of the Hindu nationalist movement, providing insights into challenges posed to the secular fabric of Indian society.

- Contribution: Analyzes the socio-political factors contributing to the crisis of Indian secularism.

9. "Secularism and Tolerance" by Partha Chatterjee (1999):

- Overview: Chatterjee's critique explores the changing nature of secularism in India, delving into the challenges posed by religious diversity and identity politics.

- Contribution: Examines the evolving nature of secularism and its adaptability to India's diverse socio-religious landscape.

10. "State and Civil Society: Explorations in Political Theory" by Neera Chandhoke (2005):

- Overview: Chandhoke's theoretical exploration of the relationship between the state and civil society contributes to understanding the dynamics of secular governance.

- Contribution: Offers a theoretical framework for analyzing the role of civil society in upholding secular ideals.

11. "The Burden of Democracy" by Pratap Bhanu Mehta (2003):

- Overview: Mehta's work critically examines the functioning of state institutions and their responses to challenges, offering insights into the governance aspect of Indian secularism.

- Contribution: Analyzes the role of state institutions in navigating the complexities of secular governance.

12. "Identity and Violence: The Illusion of Destiny" by Amartya Sen (2006):

- Overview: Sen's global perspective on identity politics provides comparative insights, contributing to the understanding of challenges faced by diverse societies, including India.

- Contribution: Offers a broader context for understanding identity-related challenges to secularism.

By engaging with these seminal works, this research aims to build upon the existing scholarship, offering a critical study of the idea of Indian secularism and its crises with a focus on historical, legal, and socio-political dimensions.

6. Research Methodology:

It would involve an interdisciplinary and empirical approach, combining qualitative and quantitative research methods. Given the multifaceted nature of the topic, a diverse range of methodologies will help provide a comprehensive understanding. Below is a proposed non-doctrinal research methodology:

Historical Analysis:

Conduct an in-depth historical analysis of the evolution of the idea of Indian secularism. This involves examining historical documents, speeches, and literature from the pre-independence era to the present day to trace the development of secular principles in the Indian context.

Content Analysis of Legal Cases:

Perform a content analysis of significant legal cases related to secularism in India. Scrutinize court judgments, legal opinions, and arguments made in these cases to

understand how judicial interpretations have influenced the implementation of secular principles.

Interviews with Key Stakeholders:

Conduct semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders such as legal experts, policymakers, religious leaders, scholars, and representatives of civil society organizations. These interviews will provide qualitative insights into diverse perspectives on Indian secularism and the challenges it faces.

Surveys and Questionnaires:

Administer surveys and questionnaires to a diverse sample of the population to gauge public perceptions of secularism, religious identity, and the role of the state. This quantitative data will help identify patterns, trends, and variations in public opinion across different demographics.

Case Studies of Communal Incidents:

Undertake case studies of specific communal incidents that have posed challenges to Indian secularism. Analyze the causes, responses, and outcomes of these incidents to identify recurring patterns and factors contributing to crises in secular governance.

Comparative Analysis with Global Models:

Engage in a comparative analysis by studying secular models in other nations facing similar challenges. This involves examining case studies from countries with diverse religious and cultural contexts to draw lessons and insights applicable to the Indian scenario.

Policy Analysis:

Analyze relevant policies and legislative frameworks related to secularism in India. Evaluate the effectiveness of existing policies and propose recommendations for policy interventions to strengthen secular governance in the face of contemporary challenges.

Media Analysis:

Conduct a media analysis to understand how the idea of Indian secularism is portrayed in the public sphere. Examine news articles, opinion pieces, and editorials to identify trends in media discourse surrounding secularism and its crises.

Social Network Analysis:

Utilize social network analysis to examine the interconnectedness of various social and political actors involved in the discourse on Indian secularism. Map out networks and relationships to identify key influencers and their impact on public opinion.

Ethnographic Fieldwork:

Undertake ethnographic fieldwork to immerse in specific communities or regions that have experienced communal tensions. This qualitative approach will provide an in-depth understanding of local dynamics, attitudes, and lived experiences related to secularism.

This non-doctrinal research methodology integrates historical analysis, legal examination, qualitative interviews, quantitative, case studies, comparative analysis, policy evaluation, media scrutiny, social network analysis, and ethnographic fieldwork. This holistic approach aims to offer a comprehensive and nuanced understanding of the critical study of the idea of Indian secularism and its crises.

6. Sources:

7.1 Primary Sources:

7.1.1 Constitution of India (1950):

The foundational legal document that enshrines the principles of secularism in the Indian state.

7.1.2 Judicial Decisions:

Landmark cases such as Kesavananda Bharati v. State of Kerala (1973), S.R. Bommai v. Union of India (1994), and others that have shaped the interpretation and application of secular principles in India.

7.1.3 Archival Documents:

Letters, speeches, and official correspondences of key historical figures, including leaders of the independence movement and framers of the Constitution, to understand the original intent behind incorporating secular principles.

7.1.4 Legislative Debates:

Proceedings and debates from the Constituent Assembly and subsequent parliamentary sessions related to the formulation and amendments of laws pertaining to secularism.

7.1.5 Government Reports:

Reports from governmental bodies and commissions that address issues related to communal tensions, religious freedom, and the state's response to crises.

7.1.6 Media Coverage:

Contemporary newspaper articles, editorials, and opinion pieces covering significant events related to secularism, communal incidents, and political debates.

7.1.7 Interviews:

Transcripts or recordings of interviews with key stakeholders, including legal experts, politicians, religious leaders, and activists, to capture diverse perspectives on secularism and its crises.

7.2 Secondary Sources:

7.2.1 Books:

"The Idea of India" by Sunil Khilnani

"India after Gandhi" by Ramachandra Guha

"The Difficulty of Being Good" by Gurcharan Das

"Politics of Secularism in India" by Neera Chandhoke

"Religious Freedom in India" by Timothy Lubin

7.2.2 Academic Articles:

"Secularism and Its Critics" by Rajeev Bhargava

"Indian Secularism: A Social and Intellectual History" by Shabnum Tejani

"Religion, Identity, and Politics: Essays on Bangladesh" by Amena Mohsin

7.2.3 Legal Analyses:

"Religion in the Public Sphere: A Comparative Analysis of German, Israeli, American, and International Law" by Ben Herzog

"Courting the People: Public Interest Litigation in Post-Emergency India" by S. K. Sharma

7.2.4 Reports from Human Rights Organizations:

Reports from organizations such as Amnesty International, Human Rights Watch, and the National Human Rights Commission, providing insights into issues related to religious freedom and communal tensions.

7.2.5 Documentaries and Films:

"Final Solution" by Rakesh Sharma

"An Insignificant Man" (documentary on the Aam Aadmi Party's rise to power in Delhi)

7.2.6 Political Speeches and Manifestos:

Speeches by political leaders on secularism and manifestos of political parties, reflecting their stance on the issue.

7.2.7 Online Platforms:

Scholarly articles and opinion pieces from online platforms, academic journals, and think tanks that offer contemporary analyses and debates on the crisis of Indian secularism.

These primary and secondary sources will provide a comprehensive foundation for the critical study of the idea of Indian secularism and its crises, incorporating legal, historical, political, and sociological perspectives.

7. Expected Contributions:

A nuanced historical account of the evolution of secularism in India, shedding light on its contextual origins and ideological foundations.

A critical assessment of the constitutional framework of Indian secularism, highlighting judicial interpretations and lacunae in its application.

Insightful analyses of contemporary challenges to Indian secularism, providing a comprehensive understanding of the crises faced by the concept.

Recommendations for policy interventions and societal initiatives to strengthen the principles of secularism in India.

By addressing these objectives, this research aims to contribute to the scholarly discourse on Indian secularism and provide valuable insights for policymakers, scholars, and civil society stakeholders grappling with the challenges of maintaining a secular ethos in a diverse and pluralistic society.

8. Significance:

The research conducted on the critical study of the idea of Indian secularism and its crises holds profound significance due to its far-reaching implications for various sectors, institutions, and stakeholders. The following points highlight the significance of this research:

9.1 Contribution to Academic Scholarship:

- The research contributes new insights and perspectives to academic scholarship by delving into the complexities of Indian secularism. It adds depth to existing literature, fostering a more nuanced understanding of the historical evolution, theoretical foundations, and contemporary challenges associated with the idea of secular governance in India.

9.2 Enhancing Theoretical Frameworks:

- By critically examining the idea of Indian secularism, the research has the potential to enrich and refine theoretical frameworks related to secular governance, identity politics, and pluralism. This contributes to broader academic discussions on governance models in diverse societies.

9.3 Legal and Constitutional Clarity:

- The research sheds light on the legal and constitutional dimensions of secularism in India. It provides clarity on the interpretation of constitutional provisions and landmark judicial decisions, offering valuable insights for legal scholars, practitioners, and policymakers grappling with issues related to secular governance.

9.4 Policy Implications and Recommendations:

- Findings from the research can inform policymakers about the effectiveness of existing policies related to secularism. Recommendations arising from the study may guide the formulation of new policies aimed at addressing crises and strengthening the secular fabric of the nation.

9.5 Promoting Inclusive Governance:

- Understanding the crises faced by Indian secularism is crucial for promoting inclusive governance. The research findings may guide policymakers in developing strategies that foster equal representation, religious tolerance, and social harmony, contributing to a more inclusive and pluralistic society.

9.6 Guidance for Civil Society Initiatives:

- Civil society organizations working on issues related to secularism, communal harmony, and religious freedom can draw guidance from the research. Insights into the challenges and potential solutions can inform the development of initiatives that promote dialogue, understanding, and community engagement.

9.7 Facilitating Interfaith Dialogue:

- The research can play a role in facilitating interfaith dialogue by identifying areas of tension and offering insights into promoting mutual understanding among religious communities. This is particularly important in a diverse nation like India with a rich tapestry of religions and traditions.

9.8 Addressing Communal Tensions:

- Given the historical context and contemporary challenges, the research contributes to understanding and potentially addressing communal tensions. Strategies developed based on research findings may help mitigate conflicts and promote peaceful coexistence among diverse religious groups.

9.9 Educational Impact:

- The research has educational implications by providing a robust foundation for teaching subjects related to political science, law, sociology, and religious studies. It equips students with critical knowledge about the complexities surrounding Indian secularism.

9.10 Relevance for Global Discussions:

- The research is relevant to global discussions on secular governance, religious pluralism, and identity politics. Insights from the Indian context may contribute to international dialogues and comparative studies, fostering a broader understanding of these issues on a global scale.

In essence, the research on the critical study of the idea of Indian secularism and its crises holds significance for its potential to shape academic discourse, guide policy formulation, and contribute to the creation of a more inclusive and tolerant society in India and beyond.

9. Scope of the study:

The scope of the study conducted on the critical examination of the idea of Indian secularism and its crises is extensive and encompasses various dimensions, providing a comprehensive understanding of the subject. The scope includes:

10.1 Historical Scope:

- Tracing the historical evolution of the idea of Indian secularism from the pre-independence era to the present day. Exploring key events, movements, and the role of leaders in shaping the secular ethos of the nation.

10.2 Constitutional and Legal Scope:

- Analyzing the constitutional provisions related to secularism in India, including a detailed examination of relevant articles, amendments, and landmark judicial decisions. Assessing the legal framework that underpins the concept of secular governance.

10.3 Political and Policy Scope:

- Investigating the political discourse and policy frameworks related to secularism. Examining political ideologies, party manifestos, and the role of state institutions in upholding or challenging the principles of secularism.

10.4 Socio-Religious Scope:

- Exploring the socio-religious dynamics that impact secularism, including communalism, identity politics, and caste-based considerations. Investigating how these factors contribute to crises in the implementation of secular principles.

10.5 Contemporary Scope:

- Analyzing contemporary challenges faced by the idea of Indian secularism, including incidents of communal violence, legal controversies, and political developments. Investigating how current events contribute to or alleviate the crisis in the implementation of secular governance.

10.6 Comparative Scope:

- Conducting a comparative analysis of secular models in other countries to provide a broader context for understanding the uniqueness of the Indian secular experiment. Drawing lessons from global experiences to inform the study's conclusions.

10.7 Interdisciplinary Scope:

- Engaging with an interdisciplinary approach by incorporating perspectives from political science, law, history, sociology, and religious studies. This interdisciplinary scope allows for a holistic examination of the multifaceted nature of Indian secularism.

10.8 Public Opinion and Civil Society Scope:

- Investigating public perceptions of secularism through surveys and interviews. Assessing the role of civil society organizations in promoting or challenging the idea of Indian secularism and their impact on public discourse.

10.9 Ethnographic Scope:

- Conducting ethnographic fieldwork to gain a deep understanding of specific communities or regions that have experienced communal tensions. Exploring local dynamics, attitudes, and lived experiences related to secularism.

10.10 Policy Recommendations Scope:

- Formulating policy recommendations based on the research findings. Providing practical and actionable suggestions for policymakers to strengthen the implementation of secular principles and address the identified crises.

10.11 Educational Scope:

- Contributing to educational initiatives by offering insights that can be incorporated into curricula related to political science, law, sociology, and religious studies. Enhancing the educational scope by providing valuable resources for students and scholars.

10.12 Global Relevance Scope:

- Establishing the global relevance of the study by identifying parallels and differences with secular challenges faced by other nations. Positioning the research as a valuable contribution to international discussions on secular governance.

In summary, the scope of the study is broad and multifaceted, encompassing historical, legal, political, socio-religious, and contemporary dimensions. It aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of the critical study of the idea of Indian secularism and its crises, contributing to academic scholarship, informing policy decisions, and fostering a deeper understanding of secular governance in a diverse and dynamic society.

10. Limitations of the study:

The research on the critical study of the idea of Indian secularism and its crisis has limitations including temporal constraints, geographical focus, potential subjectivity in interpretation, data availability challenges, complexity of sociopolitical factors, incomplete representation of stakeholders, impact of the changing political landscape, generalization difficulties, ethical considerations, and resource constraints. These limitations highlight the boundaries within which the research is conducted and provide avenues for future refinement and exploration.

11. Chapterisation:

1. Introduction:

This research critically examines the idea of Indian secularism and its crises, delving into the historical, legal, and socio-political dimensions that shape the narrative of secular governance in India. By scrutinizing the evolution of secular ideals, landmark legal cases, and contemporary challenges, the study aims to provide valuable insights into the complexities and resilience of Indian secularism.

2. Concept of Secularism:

India and Western: Secularism in India and the West manifests differently, shaped by distinct historical, cultural, and political contexts. In India, secularism emphasizes equal respect for all religions, accommodating religious diversity within a framework that promotes social harmony. This model is characterized by state impartiality and intervention for social welfare. In the West, secularism is often associated with the separation of church and state, prioritizing individual freedom of belief and the autonomy of political and religious spheres. While both share the goal of ensuring religious freedom, their operationalization reflects nuanced approaches to managing the relationship between religion and governance.

3. Secularism and Indian Political Thought:

Secularism in Indian political thought is a multifaceted concept shaped by the perspectives of key figures. Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first Prime Minister, advocated for a secular state that maintains equal distance from all religions, promoting social harmony. B.R. Ambedkar, a principal architect of the Indian Constitution, emphasized secular principles to ensure justice and equality, irrespective of religious affiliations.

Mahatma Gandhi, while deeply rooted in religious ethics, supported the idea of a secular state that respects and accommodates diverse faiths. Ranade, a social reformer, contributed to the socio-religious aspects of secularism.

Contemporary thinkers like Ashis Nandy and Neera Chandhoke have explored the complexities of secularism in the Indian context. Nandy, a political psychologist, provides insights into the psychological dimensions

of communalism and secularism. Chandhoke, a political scientist, analyzes the challenges and dynamics of secular governance in a diverse society.

Rajeev Bhargava, a political theorist, has delved into the theoretical foundations of secularism, offering nuanced perspectives on its application in India. Together, these thinkers have played pivotal roles in shaping the understanding and implementation of secularism within Indian political thought.

4. Secularism and Constitution:

Secularism and the constitution are intricately linked concepts, especially in countries with constitutional frameworks that explicitly endorse or imply secular principles. The constitution serves as the foundational legal document that outlines the structure of government, fundamental rights, and the relationship between the state and its citizens. Secularism in the context of a constitution typically implies the impartiality of the state towards all religions, ensuring religious freedom, equality, and the absence of discrimination based on faith. The constitution plays a crucial role in codifying and safeguarding secular principles, often through provisions that guarantee religious freedom, prevent religious discrimination, and establish the separation of church or religious institutions from the state. The constitutional recognition of secularism establishes a framework for governance that respects religious diversity and upholds the principles of equality and non-discrimination.

5. Crisis of secularism in current India:

The crisis of secularism in current India is marked by challenges to the foundational principle of religious neutrality in governance. Instances of communal tensions, identity-based politics, and a perceived shift towards majoritarianism have raised concerns about the erosion of secular ideals. The crisis is characterized by debates over issues such as religious intolerance, the influence of religious considerations in policymaking, and the need to balance religious diversity with the principles of a secular state. These challenges reflect a complex interplay of socio-political factors impacting the application and perception of secularism in contemporary India.

6. Issues and Challenges to Indian secularism:

Issues and challenges to Indian secularism encompass a range of concerns in the contemporary socio-political landscape. Communal tensions, identity politics, and instances of religious intolerance pose significant challenges. The delicate balance between maintaining religious diversity and preventing discrimination remains a persistent issue. Additionally, debates around state intervention in religious matters, controversies related to religious conversions, and the influence of religious considerations in politics contribute to the multifaceted challenges faced by Indian secularism. These issues reflect the dynamic nature of the socio-political environment, requiring careful navigation to uphold the principles of a secular and inclusive society.

7. Conclusion:

In conclusion, the critical study of the idea of Indian secularism and its crises has provided valuable insights into the complexities and challenges inherent in the nation's secular governance. By examining historical foundations, legal frameworks, and contemporary dynamics, the research underscores the multifaceted nature of Indian secularism. The identified crises, ranging from communal tensions to identity politics, highlight the ongoing need for nuanced approaches in upholding the principles of secularism. As India grapples with the intricacies of diversity and governance, the study serves as a foundation for informed dialogue, policy recommendations, and further academic inquiry into the evolving landscape of Indian secularism. The resilience of secular ideals lies in addressing these challenges and fostering a society where religious pluralism coexists harmoniously with the principles of equality, justice, and inclusion.

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